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Sheep Show Coming to County

The first Heber Valley Wool and Lamb Celebration will take place next July and the first project is to find a name for the annual event. The local Woolgrowers Association and Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsors and have the support of the National Woolgrowers Association.

\$50 will be awarded to the person who submits the winning name. Entries in the contest are to be left at the Chamber of Commerce caboose on Main

Street, near the county building, before Dec. 31 to qualify.

The sponsors plan to promote the event throughout Utah and surrounding states and intend for it to become a regional celebration.

They point out that woolgrowing has been a major industry in the Heber Valley since it was first settled and an annual celebration of this kind is in keeping with that heritage. In fact, during the 1930s more sheep left the Heber train depot

than any other single depot in the United States, according to a Heber Creeper brochure.

Jim Peterson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, said local woolgrowers hope to promote the sheep industry in the Heber Valley, "even to the point of having a regional processing plant in the valley that would employ dozens of people."

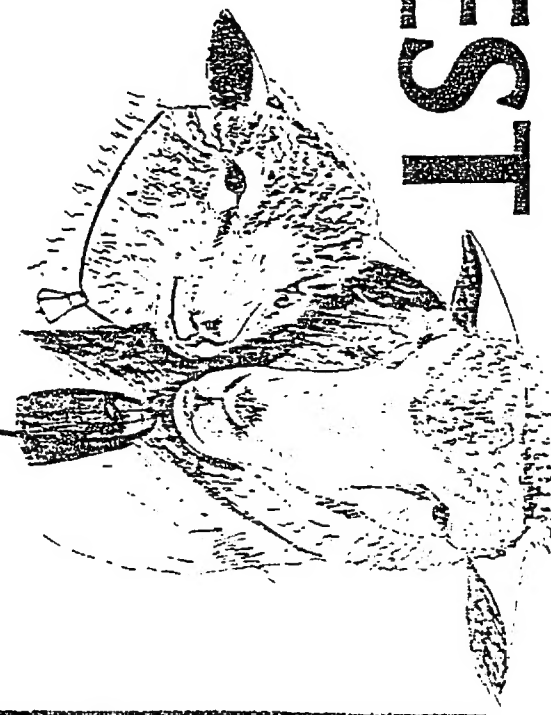
The July event will include lamb competition, lamb raising, breeder shows, sheep dog trials, sheepherder wagon displays, wool weaving classes and demonstrations, lamb cookoffs and a lamb barbecue, as well as music and entertainment, according to Peterson. He said they hope to be able to use the fairgrounds, tabernacle grounds and high school facilities.

"It could bring hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes and revenue," said Peterson. Woolgrowers are anxious to provide products, food and activities. However, they want it to be a community activity and invite participation from churches of all denominations, service clubs, youth groups and individuals.

Although some committees were formed at their planning meeting last week, plans are still in preliminary stages and Peterson said, "Anyone is welcome to contact the chamber with ideas or to help." The number is 654-3666. The next meeting will be January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the county courthouse and everyone is invited.

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